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## **Minutes City Council Education and Technology Advancement Committee October 26, 2006**

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**Minutes of the Council Education and Technology Advancement Committee held on October 26, 2006, 2:30 p.m., in the City Council Conference Room, Tempe City Hall, 31 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Tempe, Arizona.**

**Committee Members Present:**

Councilmember Onnie Shekerjian, Chair  
Councilmember Barbara Carter

**City Staff Present:**

Tom Canasi, Community Services Manager  
Travis Dray, Parks & Recreation Deputy Director  
Karen Fillmore, Executive Assistant  
Kate Hanley, TCC Executive Director  
Shelley Hearn, Community Relations Manager  
Sheri Partridge, Council Aide  
Mark Richwine, Parks & Recreation Manager  
Alex Smith, Technology Development Specialist  
Judy Tapscott, Community Services Deputy Manager  
Samuel Thompson, Deputy Director Park Services  
Sheri Wakefield-Saenz, Econ Dev Administrator

**Meeting convened at 2:30 p.m.**

Councilmember Shekerjian called the meeting to order and gave brief opening remarks about the proposed work plan for the City Council Education and Technology Advancement Committee.

**Agenda Item #1 – Discuss Committee goals and scope of work**

This was the first opportunity to establish the work plan for the new City Council Education and Technology Advancement Committee and review with City staff prior to inviting citizens and constituents to participate.

The proposed work plan is as follows:

- 1. Facilitating partnerships between all education entities and Tempe.**

- Inventory current partnering between the City and all educational entities.
- Review current community need for Kid Zone program.
- Facilitate internships for high schoolers with the Chamber of Commerce, City, higher education & Tempe businesses.
- Explore creating, with community partners, an Education Speakers Series.
- Facilitate the discussion and possible creation of a Bridges program (with a retail outlet).

Tom Canasi summarized the current challenges with the Kid Zone Program.

**2. Enabling the development of programs that will result in school improvement, including community-in-schools programs and other information resources for parents.**

- Explore the potential of aiding in the creation of a Parent Education Resource Center with or through our community partners.

Councilmember Shekerjian would like to schedule some time to meet with Kate Hanley to discuss current programs that the Tempe Community Council is working on and possible expansion of these programs to include the new goals.

**3. Assisting in the development of life-long learning opportunities including workforce development, drop out prevention, special education, literacy programs and visual and performing arts education.**

- Facilitate the creation of a Citywide Tempe Youth Band for middle schoolers and high schoolers.
- Create City Council reading program.
- Promote mock government programs for students such as Girls State & Boys State.
- Aid in the expansion of the JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) programs.
- Aid in the creation of an IB program for the high school district.
- Explore ways in which the City can assist in improving middle school achievement.
- Provide finance education to City employees via the City's investment brokers.
- Promote arts participation for citizens of all ages.

There was general discussion about expansion of the Tempe Youth Band, Student Government Day program and finance education for City employees.

Kate Hanley suggested adding another goal under #3 for the Youth Showcase. This would benefit and help follow through with the suggestions that come from the Youth Town Hall reports filed with the City Council each year by the Mayors Youth Advisory Committee (MYAC).

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**4. Developing opportunities to provide services through school facilities**

- Aid in the promotion of Art Masterpiece programs.
- Explore creating tutoring programs @ Kid Zone with No Child Left Behind (NCLB) funding.

There was general discussion about linking these goals to some current programs and expanding them.

**5. Identifying and facilitating resource sharing, and the consolidation of purchasing and maintenance between all educational entities and the City.**

- Have City's Purchasing Department collaborate with the purchasing departments of the schools, University and Community Colleges.

**6. Facilitating ASU and Maricopa Community College District's participation in education improvement in all Tempe schools.**

- Facilitate Internships for high schoolers with technology-based businesses, Chamber of Commerce, City, and higher education.
- Career Fair and counseling event for East Valley

**7. Aiding in and working with ASU for the development of High-Tech, Bio-Tech and Nano-Tech facilities within Tempe.**

- Facilitate City support for the High Tech, Bio Tech and NanoTech industries.
- Provide information to our biotech, nanotech and high tech companies regarding partnering opportunities with ASU (Internships & new employment).

Sheri Wakefield-Saenz summarized the three current programs: Techie Tuesdays, Discovery Series, and Breakfast Research Series. These programs are a great start and can be expanded upon to create a better line of communication for coordinating internships. She also discussed the possibility of adding information and updating the City marketing kits.

**8. Identifying and assisting joint transportation solutions and joint facilities development for school/resident use (e.g. North Tempe Multi-Generational Center).**

- Encourage mass transit use by school staff and students.
- Promote a Walk-to-School program.

Mark Richwine suggested adding another goal under #8 to create a partnership with Fees and Gililand Middle Schools for shared use of facilities in exchange for field lighting.

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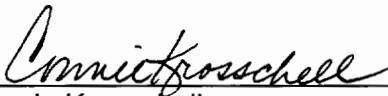
**Agenda Item #2 – Future Agenda Items**

- Kid Zone
- Career Fair

The Committee's next meeting will be November 7, 2006.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.**

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